

Remarks

With respect to the Restriction Requirement Applicant elects Invention I. Claims 21-24 and 47-51 read on elected Invention I. With respect to the species election Applicant elects Species 3, the species of Figures 4A-4D. Claims 21-24 and 47-51 read on the elected Species 3.

The reason for the traverse is that claims 52-60 also read on Invention I, and the species of Figures 4A-4D.

As stated in the Preliminary Amendment dated January 9, 2004:

"Claims 21-24 and new claims 52-60 are directed to a test system 20B (Figures 4A-4D) for testing an electronic module 10 having a plurality of terminal contacts 14. As shown in Figure 4A, the test system 20B includes a test circuitry 28, an interface board 22B and test contactors 24B slidably mounted to the interface board 22B in electrical communication with the test circuitry 28. The test contactors 24B include a slidable base 32B and coiled spring contacts 34B on the base 32B. A drive mechanism 38B (Figure 4B) is operably associated with the base 32B, and is configured to slide the base 32B and the spring contacts 34B from the open (inactive) position of Figures 4A and 4B, the closed (active) position of Figures 4C and 4D.

Claims 47-51 are directed to the test contactor 24B (Figure 4A)."

While not willing to admit that Inventions I, III and IV are not patentably distinct, Applicant requests examination of Inventions III and IV.

Non elected method claims 25-39 have been canceled and are being prosecuted in a separate divisional application. In addition to the claim amendments, the "Cross Reference To Related Applications" has been amended to include "Patent Number 6,727,715 B2" for parent application serial no. 10/236,276. In addition, an IDS is being filed citing this patent. The title has also been amended to reflect the claimed subject matter.



Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 21-24 and 47-60 is respectfully requested. Should any issues remain the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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